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SUBJ: RAYMOND EDDE'S COMMENTS ON U.S. POLICY: SUGGESTED
COUNTER- STATEMENT

1. RECENT REMARKS OF RAYMOND EDDE IN PARIS ALLEGING
THAT U.S. IS INDIFFERENT TO PARTITION (BEIRUT 29)
ARE STIRRING UP HARMFUL SPECULATION HERE. WE BELIEVE
IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO COUNTER EDDE'S STATEMENT (WITHOUT
GIVING HIM SATISFACTION OF MENTIONING HIM BY NAME) BY
PLANTING QUESTION IN AN UPCOMING NOON PRESS BRIEFING
ON U.S. POLICY TOWARD PARTITION. ANSWER COULD BE
ALONG FOLLOWING LINES: QUOTE THE U.S. HAS REPEATEDLY
EXPRESSED ITS SUPPORT FOR THE TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY
OF LEBANON. TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY AND PARTITION ARE
SELF-CONTRADICTORY. IT FOLLOWS, THEREFORE, THAT THE
U.S. DOES NOT FAVOR PARTITION OF LEBANON. WE DO NOT
CONSIDER PARTITION A SOLUTION TO THAT COUNTRY'S
TRAGIC PROBLEM END QUOTE

2. WE ARE CONFIDENT THIS ANSWER WOULD QUICKLY REACH
PUBLIC HERE AND WOULD STIFLE MUCH OF CURRENT SPECULATION.
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